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1. Basis of the report

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b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box No. II)

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box No. III)

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 9

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b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: B25J 9/16, G05B 19/418, G05B 19/42

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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